

**REMARKS**

Claims 2, 4, 5, 6 and 10 have been amended. Claims 1, 9 and 11-14 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 15-22 have been added. Accordingly, claims 2-8, 10 and 15-22 are currently pending in the application.

**Drawings**

PTO-948 Form Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review was not attached to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2003. Applicants request that a copy of this form be included with the next Office Action so that they may attend to any deficiencies therein.

**Priority**

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgment of the claim for priority and safe receipt of the certified priority document.

**35 U.S.C. §112**

Claim 2 has been amended to overcome the Examiner's rejection under this section. Claim 3 is dependent upon claim 2, and claim 9 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the

undersigned by telephone if any further clarification is needed.

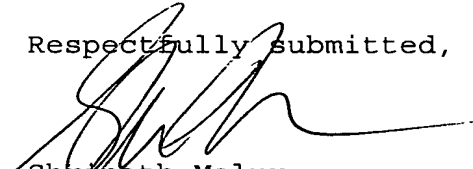
**35 U.S.C. §103**

All the rejected claims have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer in order to expedite the issuance of allowable subject matter.

**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants contend that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

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